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Rainforest Exhibition and Tsururama Development Osaka, Japan



The Rainforest Exhibition and Tsururama Development was proposed by the CSP principals (while at Cambridge Seven) for a section of Osaka's waterfront being created with landfill. A combination of mixed use would create a new community and a destination for residents, national visitors, and international tourists. The plan guides a major expressway and a new subway station to deliver large numbers of people to the site. The landfill is carved to create a Rocky Coast landscape, organized with fingers of land and shallow pools between sections of housing. A park is created throughout the site on top of two layers of parking. Mixed use includes several thousand housing units, offices for research and technology, a retail complex, a children's park, an IMAX® theater, a hotel conference center, and the core attraction, an Amazonian Tropical Rainforest. The forest is located within a 300 foot diameter sphere which rises from a shallow tray of water. Visitors pass under the water to enter into an underground museum, from which they rise in glass elevators to travel within and below the canopy, and then finish below the forest floor.

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